

## Statement of Support

We, the Town of Cobleskill, recognize that:

- Per the "Schoharie County Community Health Assessment & Improvement Plan" (November 15, 2013), the goal is to reduce the percentage of smokers in Schoharie County from 23 percent to 20 percent by 2017.
- Reducing tobacco use among youth is an effective investment in New York's future
- Tobacco use costs New York State more than \$8 billion a year in smoking related health care costs, including \$3 billion in annual Medicaid costs.
- Youth who shop in convenience stores filled with tobacco advertisements are twice as likely to start smoking
- Nearly 13% of NY high school students are current smokers. If current rates of youth smoking are not dramatically reduced, 389,000 New York children, now under age 18, will die prematurely from smoking, according to the New York State Department of health.
- Reducing youth exposure to tobacco displays, advertising and promotions, where youth shop, would help reduce the number of new youth smokers

Therefore, be it resolved that, the Town of Cobleskill, supports Reality Check's campaign towards reducing or eliminating tobacco displays, advertisements and promotions in retail stores.

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